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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a resident of a 33-story condo built in Aiea in the 1970, prior to the building mandatory requirement for sprinkler system in the city. Now after the Marco Polo Building incident in July, the city council is suggesting retrofitting of such system in the city. The bill is undoubtedly recommended with good intention to protect the residents in high-rises. However, the estimated cost could run considerably higher than \$12,000 per unit as one source indicated. Since I live on limited retirement and social security income, it will put a financial burden that I cannot afford. Besides, my apartment is on second floor. There would be easy access for the fire engine to reach for fire extinguishing and for me to escape in the event of fire or other emergencies.

Despite the best intention of the proposed Bill 69 (2017), I have to vote NO for it with all the considerations as shown above. Even if the change on the building code is deemed necessary, there must be discrepancy on the requirement based on the floor of a unit is located. This is analogous to the situation for owners of higher level apartments need no "flood insurance."

Your attention to my testimony is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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